

In the Iowa Supreme Court

**Request for Public Comment on)
Proposed Amendments to)
Iowa Court Rule 22.12 Relating)
to Senior Judges)**

CLERK SUPREME COURT

Order

The Iowa Judicial Branch has not done a comprehensive review of the senior judge program since its inception in 1979. Last year, the Iowa Supreme Court formed a work group to study the senior judge program and make recommendations as to how the program can be improved. The work group filed a report with the court in order for the court to consider the group's recommendations during its 2016 administrative term.

The work group concluded that the senior judge program is an invaluable program of the judicial branch. The senior judge program allows judges to continue to bring their skill and knowledge to the branch after retirement. The program allows our court system to provide the services a court system needs to be the best in the country. There is no question that the senior judge program has provided these services in a cost effective way.

The work group also made numerous recommendations to the court in order to improve the continued success of the senior judge program. The court has posted a copy of the report of the senior judge work group on the judicial branch's web page with this order. In response to the report, the supreme court is proposing amending rule 22.12 to conform with the recommendations. The only recommendation rejected by the court involves allowing retired judges to continue to perform extra judicial duties.

Prior to further consideration of the proposed amendments, the court seeks public comment on the proposed changes. The proposed

amendments and report of the senior judge work group are provided with this order and may be found on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at: www.iowacourts.gov/About_the_Courts/Supreme_Court/Orders/. In addition, copies are available at the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Judicial Branch Building, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit written comments. Comments about a proposed amendment or rule must refer to the specific rule number (for example, Rule 22.12(1)) and the specific numbered line or lines to which the comments are directed. Comments sent by email must be emailed to **rules.comments@iowacourts.gov**, must state **"Iowa Ct. R 22.10"** in the subject line of the email, and must be sent **as an attachment to the email in Microsoft Word format**. Instead of submission by email, comments may be delivered in person or mailed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Judicial Branch Building, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Any comments received may be posted on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.

The deadline for submitting comments is 4:30 p.m. on October 31, 2016.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2016.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By Mark S. Cady
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